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1. DURING BRIEF REVIEW OF MEXICAN SITUATION, JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES COMMENTED THAT DURING LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT TO JAPAN DURING LATTER PART OF OCTOBER THEY EXPECT TO DISCUSS: 1) INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES ON MEXICAN PACIFIC COAST; 2) MEXICAN INTEREST IN EXPANDED PETROLEUM EXPORTS TO JAPAN; 3) JAPANESE COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF MEXICO CITY MASS TRANSIT PROJECT (WHICH THEY UNDERSTAND MAY BE DELAYED
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FOR BUDGETARY REASONS;) AND 4) JOINT VENTURES IN FISHING.

2. JAPANESE SAID QUESTION OF INCREASED PURCHASE OF MEXICAN OIL IS VERY DIFFICULT ONE FOR THEM BECAUSE OF SHIPPING COST DIFFERENTIAL. THEY WERE NON-COMMITTAL ON POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF APPRECIATION OF YEN ON FUTURE LEVEL OF MEXICAN-JAPANESE TRADE.

3. JAPANESE SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN OUR
TOURIST AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO, NOTING THAT MEXICANS
ARE SEEKING TOURIST AGREEMENT WITH THEM WHICH WOULD,

INTER ALIA, PROMOTE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN MEXICAN
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT. THERE WERE NO DISCUSSIONS OF
ILLICIT PAYMENTS OR JAPANESE HAG OF MEXICO'S
FOREIGN INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS.

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